GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Manufacturing of Synthetic Menthol
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign companies are manufacturing synthetic menthol from petroleum products and chemicals with the help of new techniques in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether synthetic menthol is being sold in Indian markets at prices much lower than the prices of natural menthol and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the interest of the farmers and earning of foreign exchange have been adversely affected due to such activities of the said foreign companies and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any stringent law to control these companies and protect the interest of the farmers affected by sale of synthetic menthol in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Presently, the Chemical sector is de-licensed and de-controlled and therefore the data on sale of chemicals, including synthetic menthol, are not maintained.

(d) & (e): No, Madam.
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